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Re: Patent Application No. 10/789,698 for "Retractable Writing Tool and Self Sealing Valve"

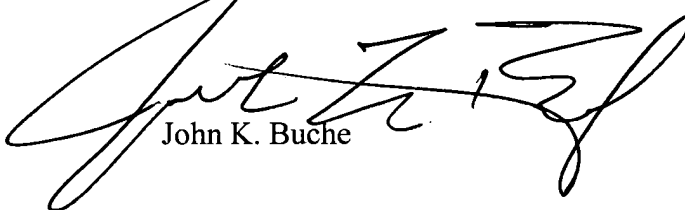
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10/789,698	02/27/2004	Craig David Carroll	C2D WRITING UTENSIL	9297
TITLE OF INVENTION: RETRACTABLE WRITING TOOL AND SELF SEALING VALVE				

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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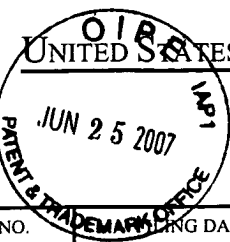
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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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